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Statewide Transportation  
**Planning Framework**

# **Northern Arizona: Regional Issues**

## **Transportation and Other Infrastructure**

- Expand and improve I-17, SR 89A, and I-40
- Explore new regional freeways
- Balance infrastructure development to keep pace with growth
- Extend I-17 to Utah and improve existing roadways
- Address availability of potable water
- Address wildlife corridors and animal crossings
- Preserve air quality at Grand Canyon
- Build additional rest areas
- Identify drainage and protect waterways
- Address stormwater management and right-of-way implications
- Accommodate increase in commercial truck traffic
- Develop alternate and bypass routes
- Address long term maintenance and reconstruction of existing roads
- Address congested local roads
- Build parallel county roads
- Improve level of service on State Routes
- Build toll roads and use funds for maintenance
- Improve emergency response times
- Improve connections to State highway system





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### **Transportation and Other Infrastructure (continued)**

- Address travel safety—long distance travelers need to slow down
- Develop regional transportation alternatives
- Develop non-motorized transportation
- Develop commuter or light rail from Phoenix/Prescott/Flagstaff
- Develop transit opportunities for seniors

### **Funding/Intergovernmental Affairs**

- Coordinate with Cities, Counties, Tribes, Bureau of Land Management, and Arizona State Land Department
- Address funding for capital improvements and roadway maintenance
- Build toll roads and use funds for maintenance
- Address disproportionate funding allocations (rural vs. Phoenix Metro area)
- Address long term maintenance and reconstruction of existing roads
- Extend I-17 to Utah and improve existing roadway
- Address housing affordability
- Assess, collect, and determine impact fees
- Build additional rest areas
- Preserve open space





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### **Economic Development/Commerce**

- Balance impacts of tourists and increasing traffic
- Take advantage of growth benefits in Las Vegas
- Accommodate increase in commercial truck traffic
- Address increase in energy/oil costs
- Build toll roads and use funds for maintenance
- Preserve air quality at Grand Canyon

### **Environmental Concerns**

- Address availability of potable water
- Be aware of the challenges of terrain
- Address wildlife corridors and animal crossings
- Identify drainage and protect waterways
- Reduce carbon footprint
- Preserve open space
- Preserve air quality at Grand Canyon

### **Community Concerns**

- Provide improved school transportation
- Address impassable local roads
- Address housing affordability
- Prepare for growth in the retiree population
- Develop transit opportunities for seniors